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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM -- USE OF SPECIAL "FOREIGN
INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE"
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SENIOR REP FROM CUSTOMS HQ

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1. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, POSTS SHOULD NOT FORMALLY APPROACH
AT THIS TIME INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS,

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR THE EC COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING UNPUBLISHED DATA ON EUROPEAN STEEL PRICES AND PRODUCTION COSTS. IN VIEW OF THE EC COMMISSION'S ACUTE SENSITIVITY TO THIS DATA-GATHERING EFFORT AND THE CONSIDERABLE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN EUROPE, SUCH APPROACHES ARE LIKELY TO COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EC. POSTS MAY USE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO INFORM HOST COUNTRY AND EC OFFICIALS THAT NO SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE PRESENTED TO INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL DATA-GATHERING EFFORTS OF USG. POSTS MAY EXPLAIN THAT THESE DATA ARE NEEDED TO ENABLE TREASURY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT STEEL SOLD IN THE U.S. BELOW THE TRIGGER PRICE IS BEING

SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE. ON THE BASIS OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IT APPEARS THAT VIRTUALLY ANY EUROPEAN STEEL SOLD BELOW TRIGGER WOULD ALSO BE SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ANTIDUMPING ACT.

2. FOREGOING DOES NOT APPLY TO STANDARD ANTIDUMPING QUESTIONNAIRES NORMALLY PRESENTED BY CUSTOMS SERVICE TO FOREIGN PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS IN THE COURSE OF ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS. IN THOSE CASES, USG HAS CONSISTENTLY REGARDED IT NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE TO OBTAIN PRICE -- AND, IN APPROPRIATE CASES, COST -- DATA DIRECTLY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS.

3. IN VIEW OF CUSTOMS' URGENT NEED FOR BEST AVAILABLE DATA, POSTS SHOULD TRANSMIT ASAP DATA IN PUBLIC DOMAIN ALONG LINES REQUESTED IN REFTEL. VANCE

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